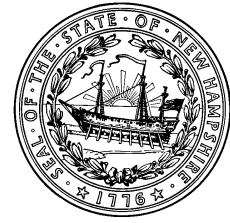


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 17, 2020

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, DHHS announced 872 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 5.4%. Today's results include 579 people who tested positive by PCR test and 293 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,928 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/11:** 46 new cases today, for an updated total of **844** cases
- **12/12:** 67 new cases today, for an updated total of **603** cases
- **12/13:** 156 new cases today, for an updated total of **881** cases
- **12/14:** 34 new cases today, for an updated total of **593** cases
- **12/15:** 155 new cases today, for an updated total of **575** cases
- **12/16:** **414** new cases

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days are not yet complete. Updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the [COVID-19 interactive dashboard](#).

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are ninety individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 55% being female and 45% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (209), Merrimack (128), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (122), Strafford (59), Belknap (54), Grafton (36), Cheshire (24), Carrol (17), Sullivan (12), and Coos (10) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (97) and Nashua (58). The county of residence is being determined for forty-six new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced four additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 284 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 34,264 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 877 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated December 17, 2020, 9:00 AM)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| NH Persons with COVID-19 ₁ | 34,264 |
| Recovered | 26,707 (78%) |
| Deaths Attributed to COVID-19 | 629 (2%) |
| Total Current COVID-19 Cases | 6,928 |
| Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19 | 877 (3%) |
| Current Hospitalizations | 284 |
| Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂ | 476,064 |
| Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂ | 34,129 |
| Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL | 61,030 |
| Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃ | 1,603 |

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

New Hampshire Institutions Associated with COVID-19 Outbreak (as of 12/17/2020)

| Current COVID-19 Outbreaks | Resident Cases | Staff Cases | Under Investigation | Deaths |
|--|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| The Arbors at Bedford | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Clipper Harbor/Cedar Healthcare Center | 22 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Colonial Poplin Nursing & Rehabilitation | 19 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Bridges Concord | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Coos County Nursing Hospital | 62 | 67 | 0 | 12 |
| Country Village Center | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Courville at Bedford - Carlyle Place | 19 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Crestwood Center Milford | 25 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Elms Center | 24 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Epsom Healthcare | 40 | 24 | 0 | 3 |
| Evergreen Place | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Fairview Senior Living | 47 | 23 | 0 | 2 |
| Grace House Windham | 15 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Mountain Treatment Center | 67 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Hackett Hill | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Hanover Hill Manchester | 20 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Hanover Terrace Health and Rehabilitation Center | 65 | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris Hill Center | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Lakes Region Community Service Fairview Home | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Maple Leaf Healthcare Center | 93 | 70 | 0 | 10 |
| Merrimack County Jail | 26 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

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|--|-----|----|---|----|
| Merrimack County Nursing Home | 19 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Mt. Prospect Academy Seacoast Treatment & | 10 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Nashua Crossings Benchmark | 22 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| NH State Prison - Men's | 135 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| NH Veterans' Home | 92 | 98 | 0 | 31 |
| Pines of Newmarket | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Pleasant View Nursing Home | 51 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside Rest Home | 40 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| Secure Psychiatric Unit, NH Department of | 17 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Anne's Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Dover | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Joseph's Residence Manchester | 11 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Strafford County Jail | 22 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Warde Rehabilitation & Nursing Center | 23 | 11 | 0 | 0 |

| Closed COVID-19 Outbreaks | Resident Cases | Staff Cases | Deaths |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------|
| All American Assisted Living Londonderry (6/9/2020) | 15 | 16 | 2 |
| Aurora Assisted Living Derry (6/6/2020) | 38 | 17 | 10 |
| Bedford Falls (6/6/2020) | 40 | 21 | 11 |
| Bedford Hills Center Genesis (7/16/2020) | 37 | 25 | 7 |
| Bedford Hills Center Genesis (11/9/2020) | 61 | 20 | 19 |
| Bedford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (7/7/2020) | 62 | 28 | 17 |
| Bellamy Fields Dover (5/16/2020) | 35 | 13 | 10 |
| Birch Hill (7/30/2020) | 40 | 29 | 14 |
| Clipper Harbor Genesis Portsmouth (5/29/2020) | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Community Bridges Belmont (6/9/2020) | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Community Resources for Justice Transitional Housing Manchester (5/18/2020) | 16 | 4 | 0 |
| Courville Manchester (6/30/2020) | 15 | 14 | 6 |
| Crestwood Center Milford (6/30/2020) | 54 | 28 | 15 |
| Crotched Mountain (4/20/2020) | 3 | 12 | 1 |
| Easterseals - Manchester (5/16/2020) | 45 | 70 | 0 |
| Evergreen Place Manchester (9/3/2020) | 27 | 16 | 7 |
| Greenbriar (8/21/2020) | 124 | 34 | 28 |
| Greystone Farm at Salem (6/16/2020) | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Hackett Hill Genesis Manchester (6/5/2020) | 56 | 16 | 16 |
| Hanover Hill Manchester (5/26/2020) | 79 | 60 | 25 |
| Hillsborough County Nursing Home (7/27/2020) | 154 | 55 | 39 |
| Holy Cross Manchester (7/15/2020) | 19 | 18 | 1 |
| Huntington Nashua (5/8/2020) | 23 | 19 | 7 |
| Institute for Professional Practice, Inc (4/21/2020) | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Kimi Nichols Center Plaistow (6/10/2020) | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Mt. Carmel Nursing and Rehabilitation Manchester (6/26/2020) | 38 | 16 | 5 |
| Mount Prospect Academy Plymouth (12/8/2020) | 14 | 28 | 0 |
| Mountain Ridge Genesis Franklin (6/18/2020) | 49 | 21 | 9 |
| Mountain View Community Ossipee (10/7/2020) | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Oceanside Center – Genesis (12/16/2020) | 44 | 27 | 11 |

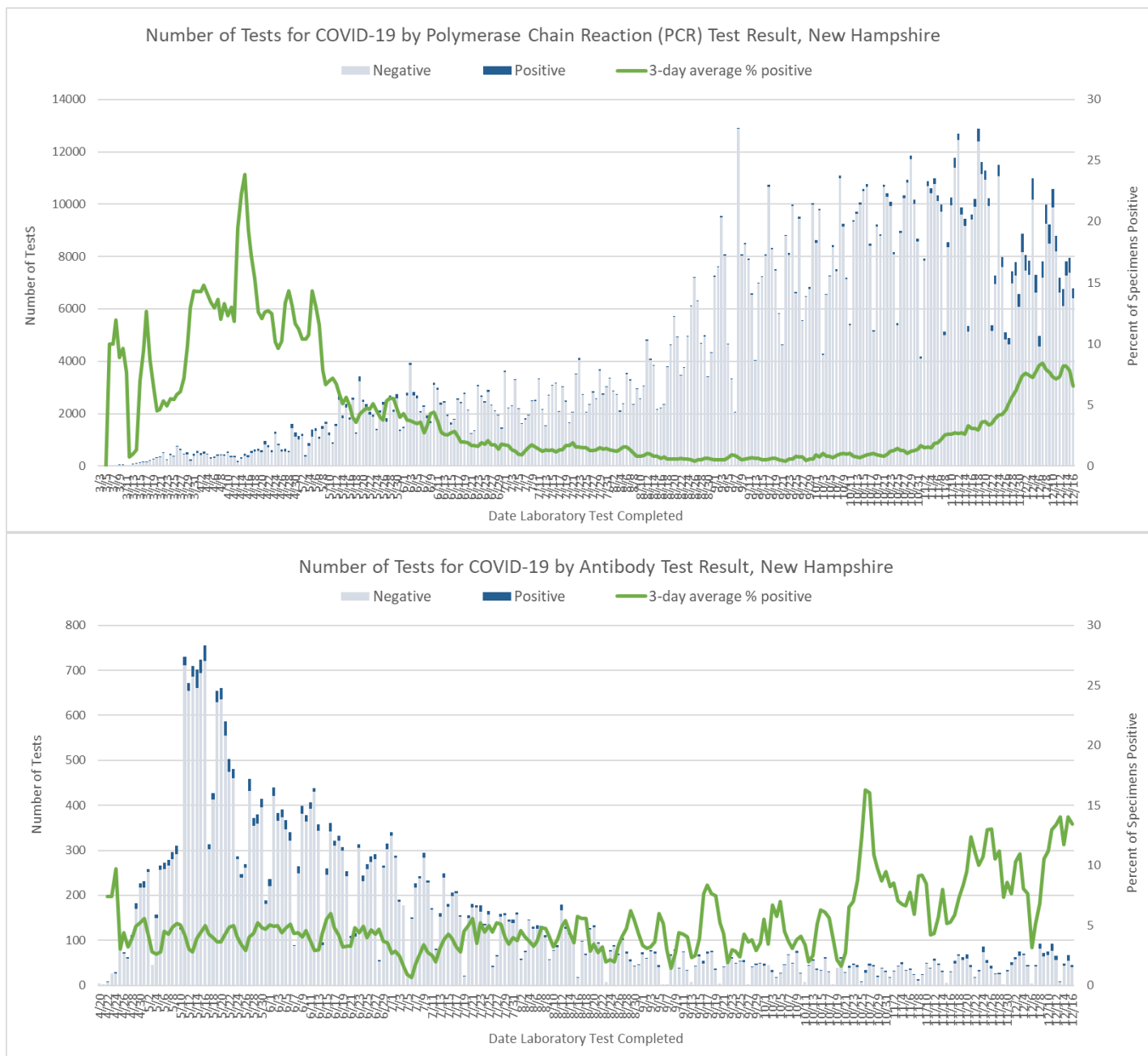
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| Pine Rock Manor Warner (11/19/2020) | 48 | 14 | 8 |
| Pleasant Valley Derry (5/27/2020) | 87 | 29 | 21 |
| Prospect Woodward Home at Hillside Village Keene (12/17/2020) | 14 | 9 | 1 |
| Ridgewood Genesis Bedford (6/18/2020) | 64 | 23 | 23 |
| Ridgewood Genesis Bedford (8/12/2020) | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Ridgewood Genesis Bedford (12/13/2020) | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Rockingham County House of Corrections (9/13/2020) | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| St. Teresa Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (12/3/2020) | 31 | 18 | 9 |
| Salem Woods (5/18/2020) | 23 | 26 | 10 |
| Salemhaven (7/9/2020) | 46 | 15 | 11 |
| Studley Home Assisted Living Facility Rochester (12/16/2020) | 30 | 4 | 2 |
| Villa Crest Manchester (7/1/2020) | 54 | 45 | 15 |
| Warde Health Center Windham (10/22/2020) | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Woodlawn Care Center Newport (12/10/2020) | 33 | 24 | 4 |

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

| Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | 12/10 | 12/11 | 12/12 | 12/13 | 12/14 | 12/15 | 12/16 | Daily Average |
| NH Public Health Laboratories | 1,703 | 1,258 | 1,329 | 999 | 1,253 | 853 | 1,240 | 1,234 |
| LabCorp | 1,930 | 1,053 | 1,629 | 1,854 | 1,299 | 1,523 | 878 | 1,452 |
| Quest Diagnostics | 917 | 1,308 | 1,364 | 1,747 | 1,424 | 1,181 | 1,167 | 1,301 |
| Mako Medical | 996 | 277 | 131 | 249 | 9 | 113 | 663 | 348 |
| Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center | 793 | 724 | 516 | 423 | 302 | 738 | 4 | 500 |
| Other NH Hospital Laboratory | 579 | 540 | 490 | 435 | 527 | 551 | 306 | 490 |
| Other Laboratory* | 2,188 | 1,856 | 1,742 | 1,037 | 1,091 | 1,511 | 1,713 | 1,591 |
| University of New Hampshire** | 1,483 | 1,782 | 1 | 0 | 1,917 | 1,481 | 805 | 1,067 |
| Total | 10,589 | 8,798 | 7,202 | 6,744 | 7,822 | 7,951 | 6,776 | 7,983 |
| Antibody Laboratory Tests | | | | | | | | |
| | 12/10 | 12/11 | 12/12 | 12/13 | 12/14 | 12/15 | 12/16 | Daily Average |
| LabCorp | 19 | 20 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 13 |
| Quest Diagnostics | 31 | 41 | 34 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 39 | 26 |
| Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center | 11 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| Other Laboratory* | 12 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Total | 73 | 86 | 65 | 8 | 42 | 60 | 44 | 54 |

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not listed in the above table.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboratory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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